

# Bridger Canyon Travel Planning Area

## A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

**GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for experienced users for mountain biking in the summer. Allow the opportunity for hiking in conjunction with the mountain biking emphasis. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**OBJ. 1-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

| Table II – 28 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles<br>All mileages are approximate |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Recreation Opportunity   | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Pleasure Driving</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2        |
| <b>Backcountry Roads (4x4)</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| <b>ATV</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Miles of Trail   | 2      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Total Miles  | 2      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| <b>Motorcycle</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Miles of Trail   | 0      | 2      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Total Miles  | 0      | 2      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| <b>Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 15     | 15     | 3      | 3      | 3      | 3      | 3        |
| Miles of Trail   | 13     | 13     | 13     | 13     | 13     | 13     | 13       |
| Total Miles  | 28     | 28     | 16     | 16     | 16     | 16     | 16       |
| <b>Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail   | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*       |
| <b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail   | 13     | 13     | 0      | 0      | 13     | 13     | 0        |
| <b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail   | 0*     | 0*     | 9      | 9      | 0*     | 0**    | 13       |
| <b>Hiking (Use Emphasized)</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail   | 13     | 13     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 17     | 19       |

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|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| All mileages are approximate  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Recreation Opportunity  | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Hiking (Use Allowed)</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail  | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*       |
| * Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed. |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| ** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |

**OBJ. 1-1b:** Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 1-2:** Acquire public access at the southern end of the Travel Planning Area for a trailhead and trail to facilitate a bicycle loop route connecting with the Stone Creek Trail. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use.** Provide limited opportunities for experienced users for cross-country skiing in the winter.

**OBJ. 2-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

| Table II – 29 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| All mileages are approximate                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Recreation Opportunity                                 | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)</b>                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Plowed Road                                   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1        |
| <b>Snowmobiling</b>                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Groomed Trail                                 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Miles of Marked Trail                                  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Total Miles  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| <b>Cross-country Skiing</b>                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Groomed Trail                                 | 0      | 0      | 8      | 8      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Miles of Marked Trail                                  | 1      | 1      | 2      | 2      | 1      | 2      | 1        |
| Total Miles  | 1      | 1      | 10     | 10     | 1      | 2      | 1        |

| Table II - 30 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Recreation Opportunity                             | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Snowmobiling</b>                                |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Yearlong Closure                                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Wilderness   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Non-Wilderness                                     | 4,262  | 4,262  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296    |

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|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Recreation Opportunity   | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Wilderness   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Non-Wilderness   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| No Restrictions  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Wilderness   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Non-Wilderness   | 2,034  | 2,034  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Net  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296  | 6,296    |
| <u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section. |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |

**OBJ. 2-1b:** Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

**OBJ. 2-2:** Provide additional cross-country skiing opportunities on a marked/groomed route south of Bridger Bowl. ***This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 4. It is eliminated in Alternatives 5, 6 and 7-M, placing more emphasis on maintaining lynx habitat.***

**GOAL 3: Fisheries.** Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the South Fork of Brackett Creek. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

**GOAL 4: Other Resource Protection.** Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. ***This goal applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

**OBJ. 4-1:** Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

**OBJ. 4-2:** Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking motorized users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

## B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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